

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 3 with the following amended paragraph:

~~[Please provide figure original as prints with sufficient detail to allow good reproductions to be made. Your generous offer is greatly appreciated.]~~ While the appended claims set forth the features of the present invention with particularity, the invention, together with its objects and advantages, may be best understood from the following detailed description taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings of which:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 19, line 9 with the following amended paragraph:

An alternative approach for painting with a bitmap brushes that avoids visiting every pixel in the warped brush stroke more than once, and thus speeds up the underlying computations as much as ten-fold or more is illustrated in the flow chart in Figure 13. A guideline along which a brush stroke is to be warped is inputted (step 100). This guideline could be derived from a piece of clip art or be specified by a formula, could be discontinuous in its slope but is preferably, continuous over its entire length. However, discontinuous guidelines comprising a finite number of continuous segments can also be used, e.g., by considering each continuous segment separately. A convenient method is to use a fraction of the bitmap image corresponding to each continuous segment in a discontinuous guideline. Other choices, such as using non-contiguous fractions of the bitmap image are also possible in alternative embodiments.